

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL
APRIL 12, 1999
REGULAR SESSION**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in Regular Session on Monday, April 12, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Probasco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Probasco expressed the council's sorrow for the death of Councilman Johanna Downie. President Probasco asked for a moment of silence in honor of Councilman Downie. Councilman Fisher placed a flower in front of Councilman Downie's nameplate.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were:

Present: Meyer, Phillips, Campbell, Rhoda, Fisher, Smith, Probasco
Absent: Boehning

The Clerk stated that there was a quorum present.

Councilman Campbell moved to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 1999 regular meeting, Councilman Fisher seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Presentations or Disposal of Claims or Presentations of Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated that the following reports are available in the Clerk's Office:

Clerk's Office Monthly Report– February 1999
Controller's Office Monthly – February and March 1999
Motor Vehicle Report – February 1999
Police Traffic Report – February 1999
Police Department Monthly Report - April 1998 through June 1998 and February 1999
Lafayette Water Works 1998 Annual Report
Engineer's Office 1998 Annual Report
Water Pollution Control Department 1998 Annual Report
Purchasing Department 1998 Annual Report
Miscellaneous Monthly Department Reports

The Clerk stated that there were no Ordinances for Second Reading.

Ordinances for First Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 99-8 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to Rezone Certain Real Estate from R1, R2, R3, NB, GB and I3 to R1U, R2U, R3, R3U, NBU, MR, I1 and I2, Area Plan Commission, Petitioner, *Remapping of the Zoning Districts in the Lincoln Neighborhood*) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Phillips seconded. Linda Allen, 916 N. 10th Street, Vice-President of the Lincoln Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of the proposal. Penny Parmenter, 1024 Tippecanoe Street, President of the Lincoln Neighborhood Association, spoke

in favor of the ordinance and asked neighbors to stand and be recognized. Councilman Rhoda spoke in favor of the proposal and complimented the neighborhood on their efforts on this proposal. Ordinance 99-8 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 99-9 (An Ordinance to Amend Section 10.98 (D) of the Lafayette City Code Pertaining to the Ordinance Violations Bureau) by title only for first reading. Councilman Fisher moved for passage, Councilman Smith seconded. Councilman Phillips asked why fireworks section was being included in the proposal. Chief McCoy stated that this is another tool for enforcement of the Indiana Code. Eric Burns, City Attorney explained the proposal. Ordinance 99-9 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Resolutions:

The Clerk read Resolution 99-12 (A Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Ellsworth-Romig Neighborhood Use Plan) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Rhoda moved for passage, Councilman Campbell seconded. Jim Hawley, Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission, explained the proposal to rejuvenate the neighborhood. Bob Carpenter, 619 S. 4th Street, spoke in favor of the plan. Resolution 99-12 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 99-13 (A Resolution in Support of the Welfare to Work Voucher Application by the Lafayette Housing Authority) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Phillips seconded. Edie Pierce-Thomas, Executive Director of the Lafayette Housing Authority, explained the proposal and asked for council support. Resolution 99-13 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 99-14 (A Resolution for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program for 1999) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Smith seconded. Sherry McLauchlan, Community Development Director, explained the proposal and asked for council approval. Resolution 99-14 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 99-15 (A Resolution Ratifying the Self-Insurance Plan for City Employee Vision and Dental Program) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Phillips seconded. Councilman Meyer asked several questions regarding the proposal and thanked Kathy Wade for providing information that he had requested. Kathy Wade, Human Resources Director, answered several questions. Resolution 99-15 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 99-16 (A Resolution Endorsing the Lincoln Neighborhood Association ARCHS Plan) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Phillips moved for passage, Councilman Fisher seconded. Councilman Fisher explained that this is an endorsement of the program to help neighborhoods receive CDBG funding and urged council support. Penny Parmenter, 1024 Tippecanoe Street, further explained the proposal and thanked David Boehlke for his help. Resolution 99-16 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Tabled Ordinances:

Councilman Rhoda moved to take Ordinance 98-64 (An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of the Public Way in the City of Lafayette, Habitat for Humanity, Petitioner, which had been tabled until time uncertain) off the table and be heard for first reading, Councilman Fisher seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Councilman Rhoda stated that Ordinance 98-64 had been tabled due to difficulties with an easement. Randy Vonderheide, representing Habitat for Humanity, explained the easement that has been executed and stated that the easement would be recorded upon final passage of the vacation. Mr. Vonderheide explained the proposal to vacate the alley. Councilman Campbell asked Mr. Burns if this process was acceptable and Mr. Burns assured Council that it was in proper order. Ordinance 98-64 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to set a public hearing on Ordinance 98-64 for 7:01 p.m. on May 10, 1999, Councilman Rhoda seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reports of Standing Committees: Councilman Meyer reported on the activities of the Ordinance Committee. Councilman Meyer stated that the ordinance regarding a sixty (60) day waiting period for the demolition of historic structures was passed by the Area Plan Commission Ordinance Committee and should be considered by the full commission at the next meeting.

There were no Reports of Special Committees.

Report by Mayor: Mayor Heath stated that he was leaving for Washington DC for the annual Chamber of Commerce trip and was happy to be going to thank everyone for all of the Railroad Relocation funding through the years. The Mayor stated that Railroad Relocation would be hosting a reception to thank the congressmen and staff. Councilman Campbell asked if a letter should be sent to former Congressmen John Myers. Mayor Heath stated that Mr. Myers has been invited to attend the reception. Councilman Meyer thanked Mayor Heath for holding the Miller School meeting where concerns about the closure of Smith Street were expressed. Councilman Campbell stated that the city should perhaps look at road that goes out to Elston road for possible improvements. The Mayor stated that some of that road is still in county and Councilman Meyer suggested that the city should encourage the county to improve the road. Mayor Heath stated that he would contact the county.

Miscellaneous: President Probasco stated that Fran Miller has resigned from the Tippecanoe County Library Board. Councilman Smith nominated Juan Lewis to serve on the library board, Councilman Rhoda seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to ratify Mayor Heath's appointments of Edward J. Tourangeau and Araceli Merrell to the Human Relations Commission, Councilman Smith seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Probasco commended Leslie Ainley, Purchasing Manager, for her work on continuing to find ways to save money for the city.

Councilman Fisher stated that the Compliance with Statement of Benefits information that was distributed to all councilmen is very impressive. Councilman Fisher stated that these are good examples of the reason for tax abatements.

Mayor Heath stated that the CEO of Sky Alland visited this week and stated that the number of employees at Sky Alland may increase from 300 to over 500. Mayor Heath stated that this increase is due to the quality of the employees and the quality of life in Lafayette.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Fisher seconded. The Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Time being 7:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Decker, City Clerk.

A tape recording of this council meeting is maintained in the City Clerk's Office.